

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 245035

17 13

ORIGIN EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-11 INR-10 LAB-06

NSAE-00 RSC-01 SIL-01 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 L-03 NSC-10

PA-04 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15 IO-14 OMB-01 NIC-01

/137 R

DRAFTED BY EUR:DGOTT:MBW

APPROVED BY EUR:DGOTT

EUR/NE:CLFLOYD (DRAFT)

----- 007458

R 142251Z DEC 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY LONDON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 245035

E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: ELAB UK PINT

SUBJECT: POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF TRADE UNION MEMBERS OF
LABOR PARTY'S NEW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REFERENCES: (A) LONDON 14434

(B) LONDON A-1280

ATTENTION LABOR ATTACHE

1. DEPT HAS NOTED WITH INTEREST EMBASSY'S REFTEL REPORT-
ING TUC PRESIDENT ALF ALLEN'S VIEWS ON LEFT-WING INFLUENCE
WITHIN THAT ORGANIZATION. EVIDENCE OF INCREASING LEFT-
WING INFLUENCE AND ASSERTIVENESS IN THE TUC HAS BEEN A
SOURCE OF CONCERN FOR SOME TIME AND ALLEN'S ESTIMATE THAT
THE MODERATES WILL BE GIVING A BETTER ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES
IN THE GENERAL COUNCIL IN KEEPING WITH THEIR SUPERIORITY
IN NUMBERS WILL BEAR CAREFUL WATCHING IN PERIOD AHEAD.
THUS FAR, IT SEEMS THAT FORCE OF LEFT-WING LEADERSHIP HAS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 245035

BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY OF MODERATES

ON WIDE RANGE OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES, INCLUDING PRESENT INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS CONFRONTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RECENT TRADITION-BREAKING APPOINTMENT OF TGWU OFFICIAL AS ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY OF TUC.

2. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF POLITICAL ORIENTATION AND IMPACT ON LABOR PARTY POLICY OF

THE 12 TRADE UNION MEMBERS OF PARTY'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTING NEARLY HALF OF NEC'S MEMBERSHIP (REF. B). IT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO IDENTIFY THE UNIONS FROM WHICH THEY COME, THE POLITICAL COMPLEXION OF THOSE UNIONS AND EXTENT TO WHICH THESE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN, OR IN THE CASE OF THE THREE NEW MEMBERS MAY BE EXPECTED TO BE, RESPONSIVE TO POLITICAL DICTATES OF THEIR PRINCIPALS IN THOSE UNIONS.

3. ALSO HELPFUL WOULD BE EMBASSY'S EVALUATION OF HOW BALANCE OF LEFT-WING AND MODERATE FORCES IN TRADE UNION DIVISION OF NEC COMPARES WITH THAT PREVAILING IN TUC GENERAL COUNCIL. RUSH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LABOR UNIONS, POLITICAL PARTIES, LABOR UNION OFFICIALS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 DEC 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: mcintyresh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE245035
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: DGOOTT:MBW
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731223/aaaaaqyq.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: (A) LONDON 14434
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: mcintyresh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 JUL 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24-Jul-2001 by thomasv0>; APPROVED <17-Sep-2001 by mcintyresh>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF TRADE UNION MEMBERS OF LABOR PARTY'S NEW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TAGS: ELAB, PINT, UK
To: LONDON
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005